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This Lent, may our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving deepen our faith and draw us closer to Christ. Let us journey together in renewal and hope.

**MASS TIMES**

**SATURDAY  
4PM**

**SUNDAY  
9AM & 11AM**

For Weekday Mass Times see inside.

**SACRAMENTS**

**Confessions**

Saturday 3PM - 3:45PM

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**SUNDAY  
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# 3rd Sunday of Lent ✝ March 23rd, 2025

## Welcome to St. Peter the Apostle!

If this is your first time at church, or your first time in a long time, we're so glad you're here! We exist to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ; make disciples of all nations. If we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call on us.

### TODAYS READINGS

**1st Reading:** Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12  
**Gospel:** Luke 13:1-9

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Wednesday, March 26**  
 At the Gardens 10AM +Maciejczuk & Siemieniec Family  
 6:00PM + Lilian Reck

**Thursday, March 27**  
 No Mass - Deanery meeting in Huntsville

**Friday, March 28**  
 12:10PM + Vern McLeod

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saturday, March 29**  
 4:00PM + Peter Agnello Jr.

**Sunday, March 30**  
 9:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)  
 11:00AM Intentions of Jose & Teresa Tavares

### OFFER THE GIFT OF THE MASS

To arrange for a Mass to be offered, stop by the Welcome Desk on the weekend, contact the Parish Office or fill out one of the Envelopes located in the Church.

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### About the Paschal Candle

The Paschal Candle represents Christ, the Light of the World. The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body. Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side.

During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night the priest carries the candle in procession into the dark church. A new fire, symbolizing our eternal life in Christ, is kindled which lights the candle. The candle, representing Christ himself, is blessed by the priest who then inscribes in it a cross, the first letters and last of the Greek alphabet, (Alpha and Omega 'the beginning and the end') and the current year. The Easter candle is lit each day during Mass throughout the Easter season until the Solemnity of the Ascension. It is also lit at every Baptism and Funeral.

Want to contribute to the purchase of the new Candle for 2025?  
 Stop by the Welcome Desk. Those who contribute \$50 or more will receive a portion of last year's candle to take home.

**GROW WITH US THIS LENT**  
**JUST FOR LENT: FEARLESS**  
 Thursdays at 6PM

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
 Fridays from 12:30PM until 1:30PM

**SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
 Fridays Soup 5:15PM; Stations 6PM

**REACH OUT IN JESUS' NAME**  
 Evangelizing, sharing the faith, is the work of every Catholic. Easter is a wonderful opportunity to invite others to encounter Jesus in a deeply personal way. It's a good time to reach out to the lost, the confused and the alienated. Bring them to Mass and then follow up in the days and weeks that follow.

**CONFESSIONS**  
 Whether is has been 10 years, or 10 months or 10 days, God is waiting for you. Come experience the mercy of a Father who loves and forgives you. Make a plan to go to Confession this Lent. Fr. Jerry is available to hear confessions every Friday Saturday from 3 - 3:45PM. Father will also have extended Confession times on Saturday, April 5th.

**Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service followed by Confessions (last chance before Easter) will take place on Wednesday, April 16th at 6PM.**

**LENTEN PASTORAL VISITS**  
 During Lent, Fr. Jerry is visiting our shut-ins to offer anointing of the sick, Holy Communion or just a short visit with a cup of tea in the comfort of their home. In need of such a visit? Call the office at 705-746-5181.

**EASTER DECOR**  
 Envelopes can be found at the church doors for donation to help make the sanctuary beautiful for Easter. They can be made in memory of loved ones whose names will be published during the Easter season. Please write your name as well as names of loved ones you would like to remember.

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
 Have you thought about coming to Mass throughout the week? If you're not used to coming to weekday Mass, start by coming just one day a week throughout Lent. Mass is celebrated Wednesday at 6PM, Thursday and Friday at 12:10PM (usually).

**ORDINATION OF PETER BISSONNETTE**  
 It is with great joy that we announce that Deacon Peter Bissonnette will be ordained to the priesthood on May 30, at 7PM, at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, Peterborough. All are welcome!

**CHRISM MASS - MONDAY, APRIL 14TH**  
 Each year during Holy Week the Chrism Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough. During the Mass the Priests of the Diocese renew their commitment to priestly service. Bishop Daniel Miehm blesses the oil of catechumens (Baptism) and the oil of the sick (Anointing of the Sick) and consecrates the oil of chrism (Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination of clergy and the consecration of altars). The oils are then distributed to clergy to be used during the year for their local communities. In this Jubilee Year, Bishop Miehm will bestow the Papal Blessing with a plenary indulgence to all those present who are truly penitent and receive Holy Communion. Everyone is warmly invited to join Bishop Miehm, Fr. Jerry and our clergy at this Mass.

**WILD GAME DINNER**  
 The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 12th Annual Wild Game Dinner in the Hall on March 29th. Tickets are \$45. For tickets call Joe 705-342-1558; Kristen 705-746-5181; Theo 705-773-8081. Table arrangements - round tables of 8 and gluten free menu available. Tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses starting this weekend.

**LENTEN FISH & CHIPS DINNER**  
 Join the Knights of Columbus for a Fish & Chips Dinner on Friday, April 11th, at 6 PM, following Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM. Tickets (\$15) are now available after Masses or at the Parish Office. A limited gluten-free option is available—please request when purchasing.

**LAST SUPPER/HOLY THURSDAY DINNER**  
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